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## PATRIOTISM AND IMPERIALISM.

In these days of Imperial Defence Councils, colonial contributions to the Imperial Navy, visits of gift Dreadnoughts, compulsory military training, and what not, there is so much loose use of the words "patriotism" and "Imperialism" that it almost seems to be regarded as an axiom that both are inseparably bound up with, and can only be evidenced by, military preparation or display. That which used at one time to be known by the somewhat disparaging term jingoism, has come to be regarded in many quarters as the only permissible mental attitude for the loyal Briton and lover of his country. For all who differ from such a view, there is the ready term of opprobrium "Little Englander," and easy denunciation as "disloyal." It is so easy to label a differing view with an objectionable adjective, that people often forget that the tag is no infallible certificate of the value or otherwise of the goods, and that many a shoddy article finds commercial value under an "all-wool" label, a wolf, so to speak, masquerading in sheep's clothing.

Because our Union is a staunch advocate of peace and arbitration for the settlement of international and other disputes, and believes that it is righteousness and not the mailed fist that exalts the nation, we must take account of this military attitude of mind which seems to be growing in power and spreading among all the so-called civilised nations, despite the activities of Peace Conventions, and societies, and the proclamation from thousands of pulpits every week, of

the message of the Prince of Peace. For though the nations are already staggering blindly under a crushing load of mutual distrust and bloated armaments, yet still at the bidding of their rulers and prophets, the Cabinets and journalists of to-day, they pile on still heavier burdens, and jealousy and distrust gnash their teeth at any evidence of a fellow-nations' advance.

There is of course an argument which says that all this preparation for war has, even now, a commercial value. It maintains huge enterprises of manufacture, finding employment for thousands of men; it keeps a certain proportion of the male population more or less actively employed in drilling, guarding, etc., who would otherwise be thrust into the ranks of industry, to swell the number of unemployed. Alas! have so many years of civilisation, of the "organisation of society," brought us to no better state but that a large portion of the population must be kept at essentially unnecessary and prospectively harmful employment, lest society be unable to absorb them into the ranks of its producers, who contribute to life and not to death! This argument has no sound basis to recommend it, any more than the argument that the production of unnecessary and even harmful luxuries is good, because it finds employment. What! though unemployment be rife, are not many shamefully overworked? Though the world's stores are full to bursting of food and clothing, are there not thousands starving and ragged? Though great wealth fritters itself away in shameful displays of ostentatious extravagance, are there not in

the same city those who do not know whence shall come the wherewithal for their next meal and shelter? And must we say that the heart and brain of man, the inventor, the organiser, the administrator, is unable to devise a better organisation of wealth and industry? There is another and equally fallacious argument which holds that war is necessary to stiffen up the moral fibre of the nation, to inspire and give opportunity for heroic deeds. The records of heroism in industrial life, of miners seeking to rescue their entombed comrades, of engineers going down at their posts in sinking ships, of common unheroic men and women risking their lives in no blazon of glory to save others, or offering themselves up in a life-long sacrifice for the good of others, are the best answer to this libel upon the human race.

Against this modern maxim, borrowed, significantly enough, from a heathen nation: "If you desire peace, prepare for war," may be set another and at least equally true one, "How oft the sight of means to do ill deeds, makes ill deeds done"! Opportunity often makes the criminal, and this is as true of evil-doers on the wholesale and national scale as on the retail and individual scale. And it cannot be too often repeated that the people have no interest in maintaining this huge expenditure upon armaments which, so quickly do they become obsolete, that one might almost compare them to the grass of the field, but that they have no value to the life of man. It is upon the people, the producers, the workers, that the burden of all this expenditure ultimately

falls. It feeds fat dividends for capital, and binds upon the nation enormous national debts, whose principal has gone to make those dividends, and whose interest still flows on year by year to the same source. And to maintain an uninterrupted flow, the inspired leaders of the national press, the journalists who claim to lead public opinion, too often devote their talents to the task of sowing hatred and distrust between the nations.

The modern evolution of patriotism seems to have developed from love of one's own country to hatred and disparagement of another's, or else to that love of another's which takes the form of a covetous eye upon Naboth's vineyard. Yet what a world this would be if all were of the same race! It would be almost as monotonous as a country of uninterrupted flat, unrelieved by hills or forests. Suppose all the world had been English, where would have been the philosophy and music of Germany, the art of Italy, the mysticism of the East, the wonderful skill of China, India, and Japan? Just as there is room in one family for many diversities of taste, skill, and temperament, so in the human family there is room for national and racial differences, which need no more lead to veiled hostility or open combat than the differences of the limited family. Each has its part, and each talent and characteristic may contribute to the perfect harmony of humanity.

Must we, then, not love our own country any better than another? Yes, there is no reason why we should not. But, as the poet says:

"Thou well canst spare a love of Thee,

That ends in hate of man!"; so the national life is not bettered by a love of one's own country that ends in hate of another. Our own country or nationality, that in which we have been born and lived, whose people are of our own blood and speech, whose thoughts and feelings we understand better than those of another nationality, will, except in rare cases, always have the first claim upon our love. But because we love our own best, there is no reason why we should look with either hatred, envy, or distrust upon another. The prosperity and happiness of the nations, like that of the individual members of the family, depends upon mutual interchange, goodwill, and forbearance.

In what way, then, shall patriotism, the love of one's own country, find fitting expression? Believe me, there is no lack of ways, even when we have turned our backs upon current misconceptions of what patriotism is. It will even perhaps be found true, that when we have put those wrong ideas out of our minds, and not till then, we shall attain to the highest ideal of patriotism.

That ideal I judge to be the thought of a nation great in its citizens; whose men and women are free intelligent members of a well-ordered State; who serve their fellow-citizens according to the measure of their ability in all useful occupations, yet have sufficient leisure for cultivation of healthy minds and bodies in such harmless forms of amusement and recreation as their tastes dictate. That State will provide intelligently for the well-being of its citizens, organising industry, seeing that the means of livelihood are not held at the caprice of individuals or corporations, seeing also that each renders his or her daily measure of fair service, and receives in return a fair measure of the national wealth. At the same time, this State will—perhaps for the first time in history, and with much advantage to the national character—enforce the rule that "If any man will not work, neither shall he eat." The patriot who works for the attainment of this ideal State will have to remove the huge vested interests that fatten on the degradation of humanity; that for their own profit make noisome slums; that rack-rent their tenements; that overwork and underpay their employees, or work them in unsanitary conditions, because sanitary conditions cost money from which no dividends are perceivable. He or she will have to work to make our cities once more, healthy associations of citizens, living and working amidst artistic surroundings which will foster a love of beauty that will reflect in the national physique and character, and will not be hourly affronted by the horrible sights and sounds of our modern cities.

The patriot will need to work for the removal of all the present artificial distinctions between the sexes, which **deprive the nation of the advantages** of the talents and services of one-half of the population, because they happen to be women; which deny to women certain rights of citizenship, or refuse her equal rights with the

father of control over the children whom she has borne at the risk of her life, or which in certain directions hold women's life and honour at cheaper value than property.

The patriot, too, will need to work for a revolution of the existing ideas and method of Government, as well as an alteration of the present mental attitude of the people towards the State (which is the aggregation of themselves); so that it shall be held a shame to take an advantage from the State which would not be taken from a private individual; so that the revenues and power of the people shall be applied to the development of the country, to all kinds of research that will foster its resources and help its citizens; not to the erection of costly and often ugly buildings, the building of political railways or other wasteful forms of expenditure, but to promote the convenience and serve the advantage of the people; so also that the people of to-day shall not pledge the credit of the people to come, nor bind on them the burden of huge loans from whose expenditure they will derive no benefit. The patriot's ideal of Government will be that of a well-ordered household, governed by the joint counsel and control of man and woman, in whose management there are healthy simple rules of expenditure and administration.

The patriot will find much to do on behalf of the children, that they may be begotten and brought forth in love, endowed with the best parenthood that can be given by men and women, healthy physically, mentally, and morally; that they be brought up in homes where love radiates from the union of free souls who have studied to become fit to bring forth and guide the young life; that their education be free and wide, both of mind and body, to develop whatever talent is in them for the best service of their fellows. This education will be free to all, from the first beginnings to the highest university or technical training that the individual capacity is fitted to receive; none of it cast in narrow, antiquated, or irrational grooves, but seeking freely and gladly for truth and beauty wherever they may be found. This education, too, will include training in the ideals of citizenship; not the saluting of a flag, nor the glorification of warlike deeds of the past; but the recognition that the nation has grown by struggle and persistence, by sacrifice and loss, in



sorrow and joy, through failure and success, to the measure of development that it has attained, and that if it is not to sink into decay it must still reach upward and onward, not resting in the glory of past deeds well done, but looking and pressing forward to greater deeds still to be done, the righting of ancient wrongs, the destroying of hoary abuses, the conquest over all that makes man mean, and poor, and sick in body and mind.

In brief, the patriot's ideal of thought and action for his country, will be that which inspired the first sermon delivered by Jesus Christ: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Our Christian nations of to-day are full of the poor, whose hire has been kept back by fraud; of the broken-hearted, who find none to heal them; of the captives of their own weakness, who find none to teach the way of deliverance; and of the blind, who think that in the multitude of possessions they see that which gives happiness. The patriot knows that all these are weak spots in the body politic, to which they constitute a far greater danger than any from armed foes without, for outward defences are of little avail if the heart of the nation is not beating steadily with a healthy pressure of strong rich blood to every part of the body.

But surely, if the patriot makes the home nation his first thought, there will be little room for Imperialism? Yes, and no. For the first necessity to that Imperial thought which we have been recommended to cultivate, is self-control and healthy development at home and within ourselves. An Imperial race will never spring from a nation containing extremes of wealth and poverty, or be nurtured in foetid slums or in the nurseries of the wealthy; such a nation may produce some good examples, but its average condition is fatal to a high and noble race. But the children who have sprung from a home nation noble, self-contained, free, and happy, will go out into the world bearing on their foreheads and in their hands the marks of that Imperial race, and carrying its light into the farthest ends

of the earth. Their task will be not to brandish the sword in the faces of other nations, but to be to them the pioneers and discoverers of a new and more glorious age, in which "the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

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#### MISS ANDERSON HUGHES.

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New Zealand White Ribboners will no doubt be interested to know that Miss Anderson Hughes, recent organiser, and World's Missionary for the World's W.C.T.U., has just concluded a very interesting tour through Canada and the United States. During a visit to Portland, Maine, she was the guest of Mrs Lilian M. N. Stevens, National Superintendent, in her lovely home, and, together with Miss Anna Gordon, they are devoting their talents and lives to advance the W.C.T.U. and all reform work. It was a privilege and inspiration to meet and work with such leading spirits. Miss Hughes visited the home of the late Frances Willard, a place full of happy memories and inspiring associations.

In Boston, Mass., she was the guest of Mrs Katherine Lent Stevenson, who was indefatigable in her efforts to make her visit a pleasure, as well as a success.

New York was the last place visited, and here the White Ribboners were most urgent in their request that she should return in October, to be present at the World's Triennial Convention, for they greatly desire to have New Zealand represented. Sailing from New York in June, Miss Hughes had a pleasant voyage to England, and since then has been preparing for her marriage to Rev. R. J. Drew, Congregational minister, only son of S. Drew, Esq., of Southampton, which we learnt by cable took place on July 29th, 1913, in Evesham, Worcestershire.

Her present address is "The Towers," Cliff Road, Southampton, England.

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"Do you want the cured bacon?" asked the butcher of the young bride. "Well, no," she answered; "I'd rather have some that has never been ill."

#### REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

We have received three books from the well-known publishers, Messrs Morgan and Scott. These are "Foundation Truths of the Gospel," "God's Apostle and High Priest," "The Gift and the Life."

The first of these is a collection of papers on what the sub-title terms "The Elements of Christian Theology." The names of the writers are well known, even in New Zealand. They do not belong to the same schools of Theology, but they combine to deal with the great verities of religion. Hence we have unity in diversity. Dr. Guinness Rogers, Canon Girdlestone, Dr. Pierson, Sir Robert Anderson, Dr. Moule, Professor Laidlaw, Rev. T. G. Selby, and others enlarge upon the great truths of the Gospel. The sum total forms an excellent symposium.

"God's Apostle and High Priest" is by Philip Mauro. We have here "the substance of three addresses given by the writer at several places." Mr Mauro's contention is that our Lord's work as Apostle is past; that at present He fills the office of High Priest; and that in the future He will be the King-Priest. The book abounds in Scriptural quotations to prove the author's idea. But there are many who will not be able to see eye to eye with Mr Mauro. His criticism (p. 113) of those who bear Christ's Name, and who, to quote the author's words, "devote their time and strength to schemes for disinfecting the 'dung-hill' and rendering it a bit more sanitary," bears rather hardly on White Ribbon women and their work. They would probably reply to this in the words of their Master, "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" So far as the printer's work is concerned, there is nothing left to be desired. The printing, etc., of the book is excellent.

"The Gift and the Life" is a republication of addresses delivered nearly forty years ago, at various conventions and meetings in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin, by Theodore Monod. It was surely a happy thought that led to this fresh issue of such "fresh" deliverances. We have read them with unalloyed delight. They are old, but new; up-to-date in the best sense of the term. Both suggestive and stimulating.

## News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

### ASHBURTON.

July meeting held, Mrs W. H. Watson in the chair. Resolved to contribute to the memorial for the late Mrs F. Cole. Letters of condolence to be sent to Mrs A. Smith and the Misses Butterick in their recent bereavements. Rev. W. J. Elliott spoke on "The Value of Kindness," and was thanked.

July 27. T. E. Taylor memorial service held in Theatre Royal at 8 p.m. Mrs W. K. Watson presided, and stated that the Union's object in commemorating the day was to inspire young men and women in the work of temperance. Brief addresses were delivered by Ensign Hosking, Revs. J. Ings, J. M. Innes, and T. R. B. Woolloxall. The latter, in closing, said that "Faith, unbending rectitude, Christian bravery, manliness, and heroism were the main characteristics that made T. E. Taylor such a power for good."

### HAMILTON.

July. Monthly meeting held, President presiding. Unanimously decided to subscribe to memorial to our late beloved President. Decided not to undertake catering at next Agricultural Show. Letter on Peace read from Mrs Lee Cowie. Question of Gift Auction left over till next meeting. Mrs Auld, President of Y's, reported formation of sewing class to make garments for sale, money to be handed over to No-License League. Mothers' meeting to be held, when members are asked to bring small pots of jam, jelly, marmalade, etc., to take to hospital patients.

July 9. Evangelistic and mothers' meeting held at Mrs Henderson's. Mrs Snow gave an earnest address to mothers on responsibility of training their children, not only for this life, but for the life to come; she urged them to establish family altar in the home. Two young women testified to a change of heart this week. A well-known drink victim, who has been earnestly prayed for, has come into touch with Christ. We thank God for prayers answered.

### DUNEDIN.

Celebrated White Ribbon Day by inviting their auxiliaries and Y Branch to an evening meeting in New Octagon Hall. An excellent paper was read by Miss Neil on our official organ, and all members urged to sub-

scribe for the paper, which stands for removal of all sex disabilities, and strongly urges temperance on individual and State. Miss Rosevear, a Y. member, read a paper on our Maori work. Mrs Kirkland spoke of the work in old days. Rev. Slade dealt powerfully with three-fifths handicap, and urged members to work for Democratic Vote Campaign. Songs and refreshments followed. New members and new subscriber for "White Ribbon" were gained, and 24s 6d collection to Maori Fund. Mrs Dick thanked all who had helped in evening's entertainment.

Meeting held August 5th in the Octagon Hall, president in the chair. Resolutions forwarded by Society for Protection of Women and Children were endorsed. Mr Falconer, seamen's missionary for W.C.T.U., resigned, owing to ill-health. Deep regret was expressed, also appreciation for his long and devoted services to the Master's cause was voiced by Mrs Begg. An offer by Christian workers to carry on the work was gratefully accepted. Mrs Gain reported great success of Band of Hope competitions. President read a leaflet on "White Slave Traffic," and urged N.Z. women to be on the alert lest this iniquitous traffic be introduced in our Dominion.

### RICHMOND Y's.

July 2. Monthly meeting in Methodist Schoolroom. Decided to meet every fourth Monday. Miss Hunt, Cor. Sec., resigned, and Miss Woods was appointed to the position. The members arranged bunches of flowers to be taken to Hospital, while a letter from Miss Powell and several interesting articles were read. Cradle Roll Superintendent reported 15 names on her roll.

July. Meeting held in the Methodist Schoolroom. Papers on "Alcohol" and "A Day in the Life of Our Queen" were read. It was decided that the Union should provide the programme for the next Band of Hope.

### NELSON.

July 8. Letters of sympathy for loss of Mrs Cole from Miss Hodge and I.O.G.T. Resolved to subscribe to memorial stone for Mrs Cole. Regret expressed at loss of Treasurer (Mrs Grove), and Mrs Brown appointed to succeed her. Satisfaction expressed at cessation of opium trade between India and China, and decided to write to evening paper calling attention to the fact.

### KAIKOURA.

A new branch of the W.C.T.U. was opened in St. Paul's Sunday Schoolroom in May. Mrs Stewart was asked to take the chair, and introduced the speaker and organiser, Miss Powell. This lady gave a very interesting address on the benefits and advantages of the Union, along with

its principles and scope of work. The officers elected were: President, Mrs McAra; Secretary, Mrs Spence; and Treasurer, Mrs Stubberfield. Sixteen ladies joined the Union. It was decided to meet the first Tuesday in the month. As the only temperance organisation in the district, this Union should prove helpful, especially at election time.

July 1. Mrs Slater read an interesting paper on "How to help your Union," also speaking on privileges and responsibilities of the franchise. Mrs McIvor appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent, with Miss Campbell as assistant; Miss McVane Superintendent of Band of Hope.

### WHANGAREI.

June. Meeting held. Interesting discussion on Bible-in-Schools. All members agreed "that the Bible should have a place in State schools," but just what system of Bible teaching is the best is hard to determine. A resolution was passed: "That the Bible in Schools be referred to the people to vote upon." Motion of sympathy passed with the family of late Dominion President.

### TAURANGA.

A meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall on July 13th. After some correspondence had been dealt with, and it had been decided to hold the meetings every second month, the various officers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, Miss Sorley; Secretary, Mrs P. Munro; Recording Secretary, Mrs C. York; Treasurer, Mrs A. E. Hammond.

### STRATFORD.

July 27. T. E. Taylor Memorial Day.—A service was held in the Methodist Church in memory of our late beloved comrade. Mrs T. White presided.

### PETONE.

July. "At Home" meeting held at Mrs Corner's. An interesting musical programme was provided. Miss Peach read a paper written by the late Mrs Cole, on "Alcohol and Nursing Mothers." A competition was also held.

July 23. Meeting held for mothers and Cradle Roll babies, now numbering 55. Plunket nurse gave address to the mothers on the proper feeding and care of infants. Recitation given, and afternoon tea provided.

August meeting held in Church of Christ, the President in the chair. The Secretary, on behalf of the Union, presented Mrs Rowse with a handsome handbag, it being her eightieth birthday. Mrs Rowse responded. Afternoon tea provided.

### INVERCARGILL.

Meeting held August 5th. On the motion of Sister Moody Bell, it was resolved to urge the Government to take immediate steps towards the



provision of institutions for feeble-minded girls and women. Miss Powell gave an encouraging report of her country organising work. Later she spoke on the efforts to be made to reduce the three-fifths handicap. A letter was read in connection with Miss Woodhead's Maori organising work, and members undertook to try to get subscriptions in aid of the work. One new member was admitted.

#### GISBORNE.

May. A vote of deep regret at the loss sustained by death of Mrs Cole and of sympathy with her relatives was carried, and meeting adjourned.

June. Postponed meeting held, when several departments of work were taken up. White Ribbon Day observed by social in Methodist Schoolroom. Mrs Stewart drew attention to value of the "White Ribbon" paper, and also to the importance of wearing the badge. Mrs Walker urged claims of Maori work. Rev. Chatterton spoke on importance of Democratic Vote Campaign. Mrs Jones urged women to realise their responsibilities.

July. Afternoon's entertainment given at Old Men's Home. T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, combined meeting with No-License League. Rev. Lochore spoke on life and work of late Mr Taylor. Rev. Chatterton urged that memory of lost leaders should inspire us to greater effort.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

June 24. Meeting held in the Young Men's Institute, Mrs G. Calder presiding. The following resolution to be sent to the local M.P., was carried unanimously:—"That the Government should at once take in hand the proposed school for feeble-minded girls on the same lines as that at Otikaike." Mrs Saunders read a paper on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Nervous System," especially showing the deteriorating effect it has on the brain.

June 26. White Ribbon Day commemorated. Mrs P. Dick presided, and briefly explained objects of the paper, and also spoke on our Maori work. Mesdames Wright and Saunders read papers on "White Ribbon." Mrs Hislop appointed Superintendent for Good Citizenship. 15s collection for Maori Fund, and six new subscribers to the paper.

#### MASTERTON.

Meeting held on August 5th, Mrs Devonport presiding. Correspondence was received from N.Z. Superintendents of Notable Days, Backblocks, and Maori Work. Decided to send a donation towards the Maori work. Miss Moore was appointed local Superintendent of Thrift. Mrs Flanagan read a paper on "The Training of our Boys and Girls," by Mrs Parkes. A drawing-room meeting at Mrs D. Donald's, Homebush, to be held.

#### OXFORD.

July. T. E. Taylor memorial service held in the Coronation Hall. Mr Watson gave a very good address. Mr Kippenberger presided, and reminded us that we were left here to continue the good work that Mr Taylor died for. The Temperance Band played.

July 30. At the Coronation Hall, Mrs Gainsford presiding. An article by Mrs Wilson, member of the Christchurch Charitable Aid Board, on "Mental Defectives," read, and after discussion it was decided to send a letter to our M.P. on this subject. Decided to purchase an organ. The President gave an account of the late Convention. Decided to send a delegate to the Provincial Convention, which is to be held at Ashburton next month. One new member was enrolled, also one subscriber to the "White Ribbon."

#### NAPIER.

A "Taylor Memorial" meeting was held in Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday evening (July 27th), at 8.15 p.m., under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. There was a good attendance, the various churches being well represented. Rev. J. A. Asher occupied the chair. Suitable hymns were sung, and brief impressive addresses were given by the Chairman, Revs. J. K. Archer and H. L. Blamires, and Mr A. J. Hooker.

#### TIMARU.

Monthly meeting held on July 29th in Wesley Hall, Mrs Rule presiding. Afternoon tea was handed round. Correspondence was dealt with. Mrs Smith and Mrs Trott were appointed delegates to the District Convention. Mrs Bruce and Mrs Grant to visit the Hospital this month. Votes of condolence were passed to Mrs Valentine and Mrs Bardsley on the death of their sister, Mrs Johnstone. Mrs Stead's report showed a busy month.

#### AUCKLAND.

July 9. Meeting in Herbert Street Mission Hall, President in chair. Decided to contribute to memorial stone for late N.Z. President's grave. Mrs Rollins, S. A. White Ribboner, addressed meeting, also Mrs Gaulton, of Hamilton Union. Resolved: "That this meeting urges the Government so to amend the Shop Hours Act so as to provide that all hotel bars shall be closed from 1 p.m. on the day observed as the statutory half-holiday by other traders in the same district."

July 23. Mrs Thorpe presiding. Mrs Saunders gave an address on "Social Purity." Replies to letter sent were received from the Prime Minister (Hon. F. W. Massey) and Hon. A. L. Herdman, that representations of our Union re hotel bars closing on the statutory half-holiday will be given careful consideration. One new member initiated.

#### WOODVILLE.

July 29. Monthly meeting held in Ormond Street Hall, President in the chair. The meeting passed a vote in favour of the Bible-in-Schools. Two large boxes of clothes brought by the members for the London poor were packed. Railway freight to Napier given by members. The N.Z. Shipping Company will take them Home free. Decided to contribute towards the stone to be erected over our late beloved President, Mrs Cole.

#### RANGIORA Y's.

Meeting held at Mrs Lewis's residence. Two new members joined, and the membership cards were given out. Miss R. Woodfield elected Vice-President. Letters were read from several ladies willing to help us with our work.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

July. Meeting held in the Y.M.C.A., President in the chair. Mrs Nimmo gave a most interesting and comprehensive address on the N.Z. Alliance Conference held in Christchurch, and urged the members to work whole-heartedly for the Democratic Vote Campaign. Mrs Peryman spoke on the resolutions passed at the Nelson Convention. Interest in the work is shown by the large numbers who attend each month. District Convention to be held at Petone during the first week in September. One new member initiated.

#### NGAIO.

July. Meeting held at the residence of Mrs W. Barnes. President welcomed Mr and Mrs Alexander, deputation from Society of Friends, England. Mr Alexander addressed the meeting on "Peace and Arbitration." Mrs Alexander spoke briefly on our white badge and its advantages when travelling, from experiences of her own. Literature was received from Mr Alexander on the subject. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speakers.

#### WANGANUI.

July. Meeting held in the Trinity Church Parlour, Mrs J. Smith presiding. A letter was read from Miss Henderson drawing attention to a paper issued by Mrs Wilson, of Christchurch, re mental defectives. Mrs Upton read the paper. Several resolutions in favour of the paper were passed, and copies sent to the Minister for Education and to Mr Veitch, M.P. Two new members joined.

#### CHRISTCHURCH.

June 11. Committee formed to look after our auxiliaries. Resolved: "That the Union give its hearty support to report from United Women's Council re care of mental defectives." Mrs Neal spoke on "Medical Temperance," and Mrs Duxfield on "Our Badge."

June 25. Letter of sympathy for loss of Mrs Cole from Y.W.C.A. Two new members. Mrs H. Lovell Smith appointed Purity Superintendent. Letter of appreciation printed on white ribbon and signed by all members to be sent to Mr Cole. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Wise and Mrs Nuttall.

#### SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Monthly meeting in Wesley Church Hall, Mrs South presiding. One new member initiated. Mrs Don, acting-President for N.Z., spoke on life and work of our late President, Mrs Cole, and urged all to go forward. All our forces will be required to win Dominion Prohibition, and we cannot pay a better tribute to our departed leader than to carry her loved work to a successful issue. Decided to hold a public meeting for our Maori work in July. The President brought the "White Ribbon" before the members, and urged all to become subscribers. Letters of thanks received from East and West London for gifts of clothing and toys for dwellers in the slums.

#### WAIPUKURAU.

Meeting held July 10, President in the chair. Our President had visited the Masterton Union, who conveyed, through her, greetings to our members. Meeting decided to contribute to the memorial to late Mrs Cole, also to celebrate Taylor Memorial Day.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Monthly meeting held in the Constable Street Rooms on Thursday, August 7th, Mrs Boxall presiding. The Superintendent of Sabbath Observance received a grant for literature, to be distributed, and all members were urged to discourage all work on the Sabbath. £1 was donated to Miss Newcomb, Secretary of Woman's Suffrage Union, British Dominion Overseas. Letters of condolence were directed to be sent to the families of two of our members who have passed away during the month. Two new members were initiated.

#### OTAUTAU.

July. Meeting held in Methodist Church. Miss Powell gave an interesting and helpful talk. The following week Miss Powell gave a lecture in the Presbyterian Church on "A Week among the Maoris in Hawke's Bay." Several new members were enrolled. Miss Powell also addressed the Bānd of Hope meeting, and the work here has had quite an uplift lately.

#### PONSONBY.

July. Mrs Vickers presided. Miss Henderson wrote of the movement on foot to erect a memorial stone to our late President. Every member present responded. Resolved: "That we hold a public meeting on T. E. Taylor Memorial Day." Our Union is

too small to supply superintendents for all departments, still we are intensely interested in hearing of work done by our ardent workers more favourably placed.

July 26. Public meeting held in Queen's Hall, Paget Street, 7.30, to commemorate T. E. Taylor Day. Mrs Vickers presided. Mr A. Thorne, in the unavoidable absence of Mr T. B. Tuck, read from the "Vanguard" of June Mr Isitt's speech at the unveiling of the memorial stone in Christchurch. Mr French spoke of T. E. Taylor's life and work for Prohibition; Mr Harris on the great need of more earnest work being done by women for women. Mr Thomas rendered a song.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH.

August. Mrs Crabb, our newly-elected President, presided. Mrs Hodder, our newly-appointed Secretary, led in prayer. A letter of thanks for help given at Bazaar received from No-License League. "Democratic Vote" was discussed, and several members promised to help in this work. Mrs Carter is responsible for the formation of Boys' Institute. A special Evangelistic Committee was formed to organise prayer circles and visit the sick. Arrangements were made to ensure the success of Lady Stout's visit.

July 30, 1913. I noho te Roopu o Ahikiwi i te 8 o nga ra o tenei marama. I noho ano hoki i te 15 o nga ra ki te mahi i nga ano ate Roopu. Ara irou ai nga ripoate a tenei Roopu kei runga ano kei nga raru i pa ki tenei Roopu Karaitiana. Tuarua i tuku ripoata ano matou i nga ra o Aperira. Heoi Kihai i perehitia e te pepa, a tukua atu nei ano tenei kei te kai perehi te ritenga. Mehemea ki te kore ano e perehitia katahi ano te mea pouri. Hoi ra ka tukua Tuarua tio atu nei ano te matou kipoata o era marama.

He whakaatu tuarua ko enei korero e whai ake nei. Kua tukua ano e matouta matou Ripoata o Maehe. Hoi kiha i puta i te Pepa o Aperira, tae mai, hi tenei marama no reira, ka tukua ano, i tenei nohoanga, ote, Roopu. I ko nga kupu whakakaha a Miha Kena o Pouto kia matou kia kaha te mahi e tautoko ana, i nga mahi mo te Atua i te mea hoi ano, tika nga i mahue tika eho i o tatou Tupuna Matua hei taonga ma tatou he tao-nga ka hangai ki te Rupu. E pahure te rangi me te whenua. Ko nga Rupu a te atua e kore e pahemo. No reira e te Roopu kia kaha 2 ko te whakawhetai a tenei roopu kia Rev. M. T. Taurere o Waimamaku mo tana awihina i nga roopu, Erangi me mahi i runga i te tika i te pono, he whi no te kikoi whakamua kua e tahuri whakamure, me te kei a M. T. Taurere. E nga wahine he kupu ano mo kotou. Te kupu tuatahi te rupu, kia mere, haere korero atu ki oku teina tuarua 68 Waiata Whati rawa nga kingi o nga taua te wahine i noho i te whare, na na i tuha nga Parakete.

Tuatoru hoi ano te wahi kihai i puare ia Paora. Ko te toroona o roto i nga whare karakia e kore nga wahine e tu ki reira. Ko waho i nga whare karakia ko te kupu mo koutou haere.

Ki te kauwhou i te rongopai o te Atua, Hoi ra nga mea he maha atu nga kupu a Taurere i enei. Hoi he taonga pai enei ki te tupu ki ta tatou pepa hei Kautoko i nga whakoro o nga roopu Maori ara ko nga kupu whakakaha a ia roopu. Me tuku ki te pepa a nga roopu Karaitiana, he Whakangahau i o koutou roa i roto o tenei Karangatanga. Tena koutou e nga roopu katoa ma te atua koutou e manaaki e tiaki e whakakaha ki te mahi i nga mea tiki i roto o tenei Karangatanga Na o koutou hoa na te Roopu o ahikiwi.

#### TRIBUTE TO OUR LATE PRESIDENT.

E hoa ma. Tena ra koutou i o tatou aitua i kona, i konei kanui hoki te aroha mo to tatou Perehitini tumuaki mo Mihi Koura (Mrs Cole), kua tangohia atu nei i waenga i a tatou. Kua kite iho tatou i tona whakaahua me nga Mihi mo ona i roto i ta tatou nupepa. Heoi ra kua tu mai ko Mihi Tana hei tumuaki mo te mahi Mrs Don ka poroporoaki atu nei ki tona tira. Haere e te hoa nui atu te aroha ki a koutou ki nga Aitua o roto i tenei tau.

Whai muri atu i toku tuakana i a Tautohe Pirimi i haere ia i te 23 o nga ra o Aperira Na to koutou hoa aroha.

#### KAIWHAKATU.

July 26. E aku hoa aroha, tena ra koutou e te Roopu wahine, e te iwi. We kupu poto kia koutou kia noho mahio ai koutou kite ahua otaku haere i enei ra i mahue ake nei. Kua uru hou ahau ki roto ite Roopu Wahine Whakaora, hei kai kauwhau, Henei me mihi ake ahau kia routau e aku hoa aroha, ite mea kua kotahi tatou kirare itenti ahua. I tae atu ahou ki te Rawhiti, ki Waikare, ki Karetu, ki Otiria, ki Whakapara, ki Whananake, Na ka tu he Roopu hou mo enei takiwa erima. Kore rewa itu ta Whananake, ite mate rawa nga tangata o reira. Kore rewa itaea te huihui kite wahi kotahi kanui te koa onga mema onga Roopu hou kita ratou taonga, ite mea katahi ano katae atu he mea genei te ahua ki waenganui ia ratou. Nui atu ta ratou biahia kia rongopai ratou kite ahua o a koutou nei mahi i rota i a koutou hui, kia tino mahio, kia tino kite rautou ite pai o tenei tu Roopu wahine. Ta hatou taonga hou, taonga pai, hoki, kua tae ki Waenganui ia ratou i runga ite manaki tangi onga Roopu wahine kua tu noa atu ki tenei motu. Tenei kia kaha kia routou, kia haere tonu te ingoa pai, me nga mahi whakamiharo e mahia iho nei engā mema onga Roopu. Kia kaha kite awihina kita koutou, ara, kita tatou take. Kia nui haere, kia neke haere tonu, kia tini ake nga Roopu me nga mahi whakaora, whakapono, ki a tatou hoa e noko ana ki



roto kite pouri, me te kuare. Kia aroha kite iwi. Nui atu taku pouri itaku kitenga ihi kinga tamariki tane, menga whaea, me nga matua tane, e inu ana, e haurangi ana. Tate ma te kaha, onga Roopu wahine kite whakahaere ia Roopu, ia roopu, ka iti haere ai te inu oia tatou hoa. Kia whiwhi ratou kite tahi maramatanga, kia whakarerea e ratou nga mahi he e eke mai ana ki runga ia ratou me a ratou tamariki E Rore taea e ahau te haere atu kite Karawa itenei taima, ite taimaha rawa ote paanga onga mate kino kia ratou takiwa. Tera pea kia hokimai ano a tera tau, katahi ka taea e ratou te huibui mai kite wahi kotahi. E haere ana ahau ki Te Wairoa, a ka huri ma te Kaipara katahi pea ka tae atu ahau ki runga mahi haere ai.

Tino nui te mate onga tangata o Whananake, a Ngunguru, a Wairahi hoki. Kahore ano kia tae atu te mate nei ki Whakapara, e rangi ano nga takiwa ki raro, e taimaha ana te mate. Heai ano nka korero me nga mihi. Kei te nohopouri te iwi o Towa ki ta ratou rangatira Fou Hiraina ki tana tamaiti hoki kua pangia itetahi mate tahi. Kia ora ano koutou Mate Atua tatou e awbina, mana e homai ne kaha kiroto ia tatou mahi katoa, kia ora ai nga iwi mate. Heoi ano na te Kai Kauwhau.

#### ORUARIKI.

July 5, 1913. Kanohe te Roopu wahine Karaihia Otarei and Oruariki. Kawhakawhetai tia ete Turau? aki e Mihi W. Werihi kamutu kapuare te whare mo nga take korero. Katu Ema P. Mohi kia ora tatou ete Roopu kei te titire ake ahau kei te mangere to tatou nuinga Inga tini marama kua pahure ake nei ekore rawa enuku atu nga mema ehui mai ia tatou raa huibui nahoki eiwa ano tatou ehui nei onga mema euarete kau marua 22 metitire hoki koutou eaku hoa ite ripoata otenei marama kua pahure ake nei itokoutou kore Rupu aite mangere onga mema naku anake nga toru koreoitukua kite pepa. Kati kia kaha tatou kia u kite tanga nei hua engoikore pera ito tatou nuinga enoke mai ra. Katu Mihi W. Werihi hoi ano itu ake ai kei te whakatika kinga korero ate mema kua noho ake nei, kua rongo hira ahau tera tetahi tangata kei te haere mai kite uuii ite hua otatou mahi; kati ete whanau ma kia kaha kaua hei ngoikore me huare tatou irunga ano ite kaha kita tatou taongo. Tenei ake peate wa ewhiwhi ai tatou kite maramatanga. Katu Kaa H. Himene kia ora ete Roopu kei tenui te whakapai kinga kupu anga mema kua tuake nei na tatou tonu ana kotire kahore nei etae mai inga ra ruihui ote Roopu. Engari pena he raa tiata kanikani kua tae kee mai koia rahoki toratou kororia. Tuarua ihe kei te whaka hee ahau kia tatou kinga mema ote Roopu nei kia waihe hoki te Ratapu hei raa mahi matatou ite mea ekii nei tatou kia kaha kite taonga nei, awaiho ana te Ratapu hei ra mahi, kiau kua

uru tatou te Ratapu kite toru nei ano oku kanohe eraere ana te koneke ite Ratapu mete piana ata tatou Tumukaki kitana whare. E ngari ehara ehara iaia te kai mau ite tahi ranei otana whanau. Na Te Araroa W. Waata he mema ia note Roopu chaere ana te wakena mete piana eimimria ake ite wapu kitana whare natona hoa tonu itiki ite Ratapu. Katu Ema P. Mohi kei te whakapai ahau e Kaa H. Hemene, kio korero nawai hoki iteka kia waiho tate "Atua" raa hei toto piana ma tatou. Koia tena e Kaa, kia haka kite korero inga mahi hee angamema ote Roopu. Katu Mhhi W. Werihi kia ora e Kaa H. Himene kati eaku hoa he tika naku te piana emauria na irunga ote koneke ite Ratapu note iwi Otarei tena hee. Ite poo ote kohoro katu taratou kanikani naratou atu itiki taku piana ite Ratapu iputa noake ano mete piana he nui te kino omana kotoku Rangatira kia taritaria tamana piana ite Ratapu. E taea rahoki e tatou tera iwi te pehea emohie katoa ana tatou kite korerotiatu he rere kee te whaka utu. He mahi tuturu ra tera kia ratou aha-koa ne roto itenei karanga tanga ehaere ana nga koneke nga wakena ekaua kani ana nga tamariki. Katu Ema P. Mohi kahore atu ra he tikanga hei whaka rarata itera iwi kote whare karakia etu ra ireira. Kia ahatia kotatou ano kia u kia kaha. Katu a Kaa H. Himene koia rahoki ten eaku hoa kotoku whakaare tera etika me waimarie ratou ite mea eitiire tonu iho ana te whare karakia ra kia aratou mahi. Kahore rawa ewaimarie mai kati ka kake whakarunga atu. Kawhakamutua Ema P. Mohi. Amene. Na.

Te o mema tenei ihui itenei raa: Mihi W. Werihi, Hinerangi T. Haimona, Ema P. Mohi, Kaa H. Himene, Te Rongopai, E. Kemara, Hera Mohi, Temiringa Mohi, Kare Mohi, Te Auraki Mohi.

To New Zealand White Ribboners.  
Dear Friends and Comrades,—

The news of the home-going of dear Mrs Cole came as a shock to us, and I was requested to convey to you the loving sympathy of South Australian White Ribboners. I regret that the message has been delayed; but circumstances prevented me from writing earlier.

Those of us who met Mrs Cole in Sydney learned to admire her, and we realise in some measure the loss your Union has sustained.

That you all may receive comfort, and that in this crisis you may be Divinely guided, is our sincere prayer.

With very best wishes, yours in true sympathy,

MARY A. LOCKWOOD,

Secretary W.C.T.U. of S.A.

#### TO OUR PRESIDENT.

(Read at the Memorial Service,  
Dunedin Union.)

Sweet Reasonableness, the name I ever  
gave her,  
Our well loved President of many  
years;  
With grace and tact she held the  
balance even,  
High were her aims, and ever pure  
her motives,  
With singleness of eye in all her  
purposes—  
Such was our President.

Wisely she ruled, the Queen of our  
Convention;  
So gently wise, and yet so firm was  
she,  
The little frictions melted as the  
snow  
Under the sun of Christ-like gentle-  
ness—  
Such was our President.

To call her Friend, so staunch, so  
true;  
It little mattered what the world would  
say,  
She stood to line where enemies were  
strong,  
And back to back she stood until the  
last—  
Our President.

'Twas thus we ever knew and loved  
her;  
And having known her, we thank God  
For such a noble woman—  
Our President.

—L. Hislop.

#### MARCHING ON.

"Mine eyes have seen the dawning of  
the coming of the morn;  
Mine ears have heard the Angel Song  
they sang when Christ was born.  
I have caught the word of Christ, to  
weary hearts forlorn,  
That God is marching on.

I have heard the steady treading of  
ten thousand feet,  
True men and women moving on  
through highway, lane and street,  
They'll never pause nor falter till the  
triumph is complete,  
With God we are marching on."

**NEW ZEALAND ALLIANCE.****Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting.**

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the N.Z. Alliance was held in Christchurch last month. Although the Convention sat only on June 17, 18, and 19, the proceedings were really opened on Sunday, June 15, when special services were held in many of the churches, and public meetings in the afternoon and evening. On Monday a Young People's Demonstration was held in the gallery. The Convention opened its sittings on Tuesday morning. Mr Wesley Spragg, the President, occupied the chair. The discussions at all the sessions were chiefly concerned with the Democratic Vote Campaign and the demand for a reduction of the three-fifths handicap. The following resolutions were carried:—"That this Convention reaffirms the demand of the Temperance party for the simple majority as the only just basis for the settlement of the liquor question"; and "That the members of this Convention heartily approve and endorse the decision of the last Dominion Convention regarding the establishment of the Democratic Vote Campaign, and undertake to do their utmost to further its interests." It was also decided that the question of platform workers for 1914 should be left to the Executive, with a recommendation that special consideration should be given to possible New Zealand workers. A further resolution, that steps be taken to provide that hotel bars shall close at 1 p.m. on the half-holiday, was carried. Mr Wesley Spragg was re-elected President, the delegates cheering enthusiastically.

On Wednesday night, the N.Z. Alliance gave a banquet to celebrate the 27th anniversary, and Mrs Wesley Spragg, wife of the President, entertained a large gathering of ladies at a conversazione. The arrangements were made by the Christchurch W.C.T.U., and in the absence of Mrs Spragg, the guests were received by Mrs Holland, the Mayoress, and Mrs McCombs, President of the W.C.T.U. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The opportunity was taken to bring the work of the W.C.T.U. before the visitors, the various aspects of the

work being dealt with by Misses Roberts, M. S. Powell, N.Z. Organiser, and R. Atkinson, President of Nelson Union.

Thursday afternoon was marked by the dedication of a memorial column erected at the grave of the late T. E. Taylor. The column, which is of red granite, bears the inscription:—"Sacred to the memory of Thomas Edward Taylor, beloved husband of Elizabeth B. Taylor, and only son of Edward and Anne Taylor. Born June 16, 1863, died July 27, 1911. Statesman, orator, reformer, prohibition leader. Member of Parliament for nine years. Mayor of Christchurch, 1911. 'I have fought the good fight,' 2 Tim., 4-7. 'O fallen at length that tower of strength which stood four-square to all the winds that blew.'"

Rev. R. S. Gray, Messrs A. S. Adams, L. M. Isitt, and Wesley Spragg took part in the proceedings. Mr Isitt honoured the memory of our late leader in a eulogy which profoundly impressed the audience by its beauty and sincerity.

The Convention closed on Thursday evening with a monster tea and public meeting in His Majesty's Theatre.

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**DEMOCRATIC VOTE.**

A LARGE and influential deputation of Temperance workers waited upon the Premier re licensing legislation. A courteous hearing was granted them, but nothing very definite promised. The Premier said there was the revenue question, as well as several others, to be considered. It is time all White Ribboners were on the alert, educating and organising for the next election. At the T. E. Taylor memorial meeting, held in Wellington by the combined forces of the No-License League and W.C.T.U., Mr A. R. Atkinson said: "Several years ago Mr Taylor expressed the opinion that it would pay the No-License party to slacken efforts and lose one No-License poll while they devoted their energies to the Political

Election and securing candidates pledged to remove or substantially reduce the three-fifths handicap."

The party has now recognised the wisdom of this saying, and has commenced an energetic campaign for the Democratic Vote.

We feel sure that all our members will give every assistance to this campaign. Our motto is "For God, Home, and Humanity." What is the greatest hindrance to the progress of God's work on this planet? We unhesitatingly answer **Alcohol**. What is the deadliest enemy to the Home? **Alcohol**. What is the heaviest curse to humanity, the greatest cause of national degeneracy, and of race suicide? Medical congresses and students of social science answer **Alcohol**.

Is any labour too exhausting, is any campaign too long or strenuous, is any battle too severe, is any sacrifice too great to make that we may free our Dominion from this deadly foe?

What can the W.C.T.U. do to help? Firstly, we can educate the public, and much may be done by literature distributed and by personal effort, each White Ribboner speaking to all she comes in contact with. We can remember the time when the Temperance party itself only attacked the immoderate use of alcohol as being harmful. Now fuller study by medical men and scientists has revealed the fact that alcohol is ever a poison, is never a benefit even in the smallest quantity, and has been pronounced by high authority "unnecessary in health, and positively harmful in disease." In France, where the grave is running a close race with the cradle, with every prospect of winning, a scientific commission was appointed to investigate the cause of racial decline. The Commission replied, "Alcohol is a racial poison, and the greatest cause of race suicide." The President of the French Republic, on receiving this report, turned to the press reporters and said, "Gentlemen, I hope you will see to it that this fact is made widely known."

Now we, as earnest Temperance advocates, must see to it that these and kindred facts are made known. Can we not use our Union funds to send lecturers and literature, either or both, in every direction? When Maine was fighting her last great battle with Liquordom, the White Ribboners sent motor cars and motor

boats distributing literature broadcast. Neal Dow said: "We did not win Prohibition in Maine till we had sown the State knee-deep in literature," and Maine has kept what she won by following the same plan of campaign. Agitate, Educate, Organise from now till the next poll. Never slacken in our efforts, and ever remember that "a question is never settled till it is settled right."

Lastly, we can all obey the injunction of the good old Puritan: "When you have a work to do for God and Humanity, go in and pray as earnestly as if God was going to do it all, and then go out and work as though you had to do it all."

We can all

Pray devoutly,

Hammer away stoutly.

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### BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

On Saturday, August 2nd, a deputation, consisting of National Schools Defence League and a number of teachers and leading citizens, waited upon the Premier to ask that a Referendum be not taken on the question of Bible in Schools. Mr Massey said it was not the intention of the Government to introduce any legislation re Bible in Schools this session. Asked as to the Government's intention for next session, the Premier declined to pledge the Government, but stated that personally he was a staunch upholder of the present system, and entirely opposed to sectarian teaching in the State schools.

The New Zealand W.C.T.U. was not officially represented on this deputation.

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### HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

As the question of the Referendum is to be delayed, one cannot but feel glad to know that a number of schools are giving what Scripture instruction they can. Whatever may be thought of the Nelson system for the future, we think most are agreed that it is the best system that could be devised under the present Act. We cannot forbear to give a word of praise to the

citizens who refused to banish God's Word from their schools at the bidding of any Government. They realised the power they had, elected school committees who were favourable to their wishes, and these in turn elected members of the Education Board not opposed to the Nelson system. And so for years 90 per cent. of the children in Nelson schools are reading the Bible in school hours. We cannot but wish that other places, while trying to secure greater privileges for the Bible, would not neglect the little that can be done here and now. It may be that we have to be faithful in the little before the much will be given to us.

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### A THEORY.

"LIQUOR TO BE HAD ANYWHERE" IN MASTERTON.

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### A FACT.

In a Magistrate's Court not many miles from Masterton a man was brought before a J.P. charged with being drunk and disorderly. The following dialogue occurred:—

J.P.: Where is your home?

D.: At — Station, above Masterton, your Honour.

J.P.: When did you leave it?

D.: Just a week ago.

J.P.: Why did you come to this town?

D.: Because I wanted a booze, and couldn't get it in Masterton.

J.P.: That's all nonsense. I hear on all sides that drink is obtainable there by any one who wants it and has money; more plentiful, in fact, than in our licensed town.

D.: Well, your Honour, I hunted round the town with £26 in my pocket to buy some. I've been seven months out at the back, and had to have a spree, but I couldn't get it, and so came down here. I've been locked up since Saturday night, and hope your Honour will let me off now, and I'll go straight back to work.

Police: He has only 1s 6d left, your Worship.

J.P.: Well, I can't fine him, and don't like locking him up, so I'll convict and discharge on your promise to return to work at once; but if you come here again disturbing our town you'll get the full penalty.

### THE TREASURER'S DIFFICULTIES.

Those who attend Convention will, I am sure, have been struck with the disparity between the Secretary's report and that of the Treasurer when giving the number of members in the different Unions.

The Treasurer will read, say, Clinton, 50 members, and the Clinton delegate will at once rise in protest. "Why, we gained over 30 new members last year; we must have a membership of nearly 100; there is some mistake."

The Treasurer replies, "I have received fees for only 50 members, so that is the number that represents Clinton," and the delegate resumes her seat with a discontented, disgusted air that Clinton figures so small, muttering there must be a mistake. The Cor. Secretary says that the report given to her gives 95 members, and after a little discussion the reason of the disparity is shown. The Secretary has sent in the number of members on her book, whether they have paid up for that year or not. She probably does not know; she does not deal with the finances; but the Treasurer has sent in the number of paid-up members, and only paid-up members are recognised in the returns.

How are these discrepancies to be overcome? The ideal way is for every member to remember when her sub. is due, and pay at once to the Treasurer, whose duties would thereby be lightened and her mind relieved; but most are busy women, and amid their multifarious claims this one, not being so very pressing, is overlooked. The next best way would be for the Treasurer at each meeting to ask members present for their subs. when due. If she kept a list of members, and when each sub. is due, at each meeting she could go prepared with the names of those whose subs. are due, and remind each one personally; as to those not present the Treasurer should have an assistant, who would share the duty of calling on them for their fee, or else send a post-card just saying the sub. was due on such a date.

If the collecting is left to the end of the year the Treasurer is at a rush to get the fees in in time for her balance-sheet, and many members are left out of the returns, to the disappointment of the Unions, who find

their numbers reported as so much less than they have a right to expect. Many Treasurers object to ask for the fees. I do not know why. They are not asking a favour, but for a promised contribution to the funds of the cause for which we are working, and members should be thoughtful to pay up with a smiling face, and thereby encourage the Treasurer.

Various plans have been suggested to help over the difficulty. One Union reports that a few weeks before the annual meeting they hold a pay-up social, and urge the members to attend, bringing the 2s 7d, but even that would not ensure the attendance of all, though, of course, it would bring the matter prominently before the minds of the members.

Perhaps it would be helpful if the names of those who have paid should be read out, and the defaulters would thus be indirectly reminded of their remissness, and any present might offer to collect from some one living near her; instead of having a black list, it would be a golden one. And now as to the duties of a Treasurer.

All monies should be paid to the Treasurer, except subs. to the "White Ribbon" paper, which should be given to the "White Ribbon" agent, who should give a receipt therefor.

The Treasurer should pay out no money except when authorised by the Executive generally at the regular monthly meetings. She is simply the custodian of the funds of the Union, and the members must know how the funds are spent, and give their consent to any expenditure, for which the receipts should be produced.

The Treasurer should also seek to obtain money outside the fees when necessary, and prepare a balance-sheet to send to the N.Z. Treasurer some time in December, in order that she may be able to prepare and audit her balance-sheets to present to N.Z. Convention.

Forms should be procured from N.Z. Treasurer for this purpose. I hope these suggestions may be helpful to our young Unions. Of course the well-established ones have learnt by experience how best to carry on their work.

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### THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

"Mike, I am going to make you a present of this pig."

"Ah, sure, an' 'tis like you, sor!"



## CAMPAIGN NOTES.

(By M. S. Powell.)

On Saturday, July 5th, I travelled to Nightcaps, where I was the guest of Mrs Barclay. I found the Union greatly discouraged, the attendance having dwindled down almost to vanishing point, and indeed "the stars in their courses" appear to fight against meetings in Nightcaps. At this time of year the roads in the township are almost like a swamp, the feet of the horses keeping up a musical (?) squish-squash, while outside locomotion is all but impossible. The hours of trains and mails are all unpropitious, and the miners arrive home to dinner at four o'clock. After a couple of days spent in visiting, we held a meeting on the Tuesday at 2.15, when five new members were received, including two White Ribboners only just arrived from Scotland, who were delighted to find their beloved work near at hand, one of them, Mrs Wilson, taking the secretaryship, in place of Miss Gibbon, who felt unequal to the task.

On Wednesday of the following week I returned for a second meeting, hoping for a better attendance, but we numbered only five. As the human race has developed through fighting and overcoming difficulties, we should raise a fine type of White Ribboners in Nightcaps. The members undertook to work the Cradle Roll and try what they could do with the democratic pledges.

On Wednesday, 9th, went on to Otautau, and was present at the monthly meeting, which was small, as a soaking rain was coming down. Friday and Saturday were spent in visiting Colac and Orepuki, the prospects being hopeful at the latter place. Here I called upon Mrs Bonthron, who entertained me with the story of the formation of the first Band of Hope in Southland in the early sixties, when she and her husband worked away alone, not a minister standing by them nor a church open to their meeting. In spite of her 87 years, the old lady retains all her faculties, her intellect being as clear as ever, and her interest in the temperance cause unabated. She could remind me of the circumstances under which we last met, though the incident had quite escaped my memory. Several calls were paid in

Riverton, but there seems no possibility of organising at present.

On Friday evening, 18th, a talk on Maori work was given in the Presbyterian Church, Otautau, at the close of which four new members were initiated. Nine years ago I visited around this township and gathered the women together with a view to organising, when they said, "If we form a branch, it will be to do something for the children." This programme was adhered to, and on Monday, 21st, I had the pleasure of speaking in the fine new Town Hall to the Band of Hope, which has all along been a conspicuous success. The President of the Union is ex officio President of the Band of Hope, although a gentleman frequently takes the chair, and the members are appointed (not asked!) in turn, two and two, to provide the programme.

I had a conversation with Mr Fisher, President of the Wallace No-License Council, on the Democratic Pledge Campaign, which I have no doubt will be thoroughly worked in Otautau by the Union and other workers.

This western campaign proved somewhat trying, as trains are infrequent, and several times they must be reached by 8 a.m., and even 7.20, if the next meeting is to be attended, so that I was very glad to get a quiet week-end in Invercargill.

On Wednesday, 23rd, Gore was reached, and I again found myself in the home of old friends, Mr E. C. Smith having belonged to Leet Street Church, Invercargill, while Mrs Smith is a daughter of Mrs Every, late of Oamaru.

Thursday I took the 7.45 train for Edendale, where we have had a branch for almost two years, though that fact appears to be unknown to the District Union, and this auxiliary does not figure in the official list. A morning spent in visiting revealed the fact that the little township possesses some fine women, but cows in summer and mud in winter render meetings difficult to carry on. Having failed in making any arrangement with Mataura, I spent the afternoon tramping around that township in the mud and rain preparatory to returning for a campaign later.

On Friday, 25th, in spite of weather, we had a fine drawing-room meeting at Mrs Blackie's residence, Gore, when the Union was well re-

presented, and two members joined. This town is truly remarkable for the way in which it has recovered from the flood of three months ago. The damage done was estimated at from £75,000 to £100,000, and yet outside assistance was declined as unnecessary, the residents cheerfully taking up the burden. Most of them, I am told, had money saved, there being, before that period, only one case receiving charitable aid—a very fine testimony to the results of No-License. On the Tuesday we had a good meeting in the Temperance Hall, when superintendents were appointed for various departments, and three new members initiated.

Next day Edendale was visited, and a number of calls made. On the Thursday (31st) a meeting was held in the Methodist Church, when the attendance was good. The Union has been labouring under great difficulties, no one understanding the work, and having no connection with any other Union but Gore, which organised them in 1911. The President has battled bravely along with very little help, and in the dark as to what to do. However, now they have got better organised and got an insight into the work, I hope they will do well.

On Friday an early start was made for Bluff, which was reached in time for the ordinary meeting at 3 p.m., when a talk on Maori work was given to a good audience. The following days were spent in visiting, and on Tuesday, August 5th, at the monthly meeting in Invercargill, I urged the claims of the Democratic Vote Campaign. There was a fine attendance, the room being crowded out. A new member was received, a quantity of purity literature sold, and those who had not signed the democratic pledge did so.

## MISS POWELL'S ADDRESS.

Dear Madam,—Kindly allow me to state that my address for the present will be St. Clair, Dunedin. Will correspondents kindly remember that when I write them privately, asking for an immediate reply, the address at the head of my letter will find me, provided that request is complied with. Otherwise, the last issue of the "White Ribbon" must be referred to. For instance, in April I sent out a number of enquiries, asking for a

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### MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—

This department presents to the W.C.T.U., and through it to the people in general, the teachings of eminent physicians who discard alcohol as a medicine. It seeks to educate the public as to the danger of self-medication with powerful drugs, especially in the form of patent or proprietary medicines, and it exposes fraudulent medicines. It endeavours also to win the attention of physicians who prescribe alcoholic liquors, to the teachings of great leaders in their profession who have abandoned such practice. It brings to the attention of nurses the same teachings, and seeks their co-operation in education against the self-prescription of alcohol.

In previous years I have asked each Union to take up the work of this department, and many Unions have done splendid work, spreading the literature far and wide.

This year I appeal to each member of the W.C.T.U., cannot you, dear friend, do your little part in this great work? Choose a friend who uses alcohol as a medicine for her own ailments, or the ailments of her children. Send her "Alcohol and Nursing Mothers," "Alcohol Injures Children," and "Can Health be Bought in a Drug Store?" Do you know some young man who takes a social glass rather often? Send him "Alcohol the Young Man's Greatest Enemy," "Alcohol Hinders Business Success," and "Alcohol Shortens Life: Life Insurance Companies say so."

To the man who drinks for his "stomach's sake," send "Do Alcoholic Liquors Aid Digestion?" To the woman who uses alcohol for a weak heart, "Do Weak Hearts Need Alcohol?" For those who fly to alcohol for every ailment, there is the "Medical Temperance Quiz." And where could we get a finer booklet for general use than "Safe Remedies in Illness"? Have we all studied this? And do we give a copy to new members? Or send special leaflets to nurses? Or distribute suitable leaflets in the Sunday Schools on Temperance Sunday? Friends, if we are to fight this great evil successfully, we must spread, far and wide, the knowledge that alcohol is not needed in illness. Just before the last elections, an elderly lady said to me, "I have always voted for No-License, but am in doubt what to do with regard to voting for Dominion Prohibition; I am so afraid that if Prohibition is carried it may cause such a

rise in the price of alcohol that poor people will find it almost impossible to obtain it in sickness." Look over the list of leaflets and select what may be most needed among your acquaintances. By this plan even the aged and the invalid can do something to help in the struggle against alcoholism, and there is joy in feeling we can have a part in the fight.

I venture the prediction that this leaflet plan, to make every member a worker, will bring great joy and satisfaction to the hearts of all who undertake it wisely and prayerfully.—Yours in the work for "God Home, and Humanity."

CLARA M. NEAL,  
New Zealand Superintendent.

List of Medical Temperance literature:—

#### BOOKLETS.

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| Safe Remedies in Illness ...   | 8d       |
| Does Alcohol Sustain Life? ... | 8d       |

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A sample package, containing one copy of all the leaflets and booklets given above, will be sent to any address, price 10d, post free; also a package, specially selected to send to doctors, price 4d, post free.

Address: Mrs C. M. Neal, "Troca-dero," Pahiatua.

### ANTI-GAMBLING.

Dear Sisters,—As N.Z. Superintendent of the anti-Gambling Department, I write to ask if all our Unions remember that, now Parliament is sitting, we need to keep our eyes open and read anything that may come before the House with reference to gambling legislation. We may not be able to do much, sisters, but we can always protest if we find any attempt being made to increase either the number of race days or totalisator permits. Except for the Wellington Unions, it is not always possible to send deputations to your M.P., but each Union can either wire or write to their respective members. I am trying to arrange for a deputation to the Premier shortly. In a letter I received from Mr L. M. Isitt to-day, he says he would be pleased to introduce a deputation, for he goes on to say, "You all need to be up and doing." Mr Massey has promised Mr Hunter special facility for bringing his Bill before the House, so we need to watch. Sisters, many of our homes are being ruined, women are being crushed, and bairnies starved to satisfy this awful gambling craze. Let us work to help to make it easier for our brothers and sisters to do right, and harder for them to do wrong.—Yours for service,

SARAH HOULDER,  
N.Z. Supt. Anti-Gambling.

"Sir!" exclaimed the injured party, "you stuck your umbrella into my eye." "Oh, no," replied the cheerful offender, "you are mistaken." "Mistaken?" demanded the irate man. "You idiot! I know when my eye is hurt, I think." "Doubtless," replied the cheerful offender, "but you don't know my umbrella. I borrowed this one from a friend. Good-day."



reply by return, and giving an address a week or two ahead to make sure of the letters reaching me. Some of these replies are still coming in, sent to the address I gave over two months ago, and recently White Ribboners have addressed letters to districts when I have moved on eight—and in one case twelve—times since working there. Some of my letters have been re-addressed so often the authorities have been compelled to put the address upon the back! May I say once more, the address in your last issue will always find me, because the friend whose name is there given is kept informed of every change of address until the next paper comes out, and forwards on all my letters. Some letters have been lost, and no trace of them can be found.—Yours in the work,

M. S. POWELL,  
Dominion Organiser W.C.T.U.

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### THE STORY OF A NEW ZEALAND HEROINE.

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It is almost fifty years ago this month that the brave deed of a Maori girl gained for her the title of the "Grace Darling" of New Zealand. But, as a clergyman said at her graveside, "Grace Darling had a boat and a companion, but Julia swam alone and unaided to rescue those who were not of her people." "She came," said a Maori orator on the same melancholy occasion, "from the utmost of her race."

On August 10th, 1863, the brig Delaware, from Nova Scotia, 116 days out from the Downs, anchored in Nelson harbour. She was intended for the passenger trade, and was pronounced the prettiest vessel in New Zealand waters. On September 3rd she sailed for Napier. She had hardly left port when, caught by a furious gale, she failed to weather a point on the ironbound coast on the eastern shores of Blind Bay. In attempting to work the ship to windward, the jib blew out of the bolt ropes, and nothing remained but to drop the anchor. At six a.m. the patent windlass carried away, and the best bower anchor was let go with ninety fathoms of chain. The storm increased as the tardy daylight appeared. "It was blowing as hard as I ever saw it," said one of the A.B.'s

later, "neither boat, canoe, nor ship could live in such a gale and such a sea." At nine o'clock their last hope went—the cable parted—and to prevent the ship being stranded broadside on, she was headed for the beach. She drove blindly inshore, and at twenty minutes past nine she took the rocks with a terrific crash. There were brave men on board, and one, the first mate, although just off a sick bed, volunteered to make an attempt to take a rope ashore. He was a powerful swimmer, and with a lead line made fast to his body he dropped into the raging waters. The helpless vessel was rolling heavily on the rocks, and amidst the pandemonium of falling spars and shrieking tempest the crew held on for their lives, and anxiously watched his progress. It was seen he was in difficulties, and he was hauled back on board for dead. He revived sufficiently to groan "Oh, that rock," and apparently expired. No one else dared volunteer. Then through the driving spray and flying mist three figures were seen hastening along the narrow stretch of rocky beach at the foot of the precipitous iron bound cliffs. Over the raging stretch of boiling water the crew gazed at them hopefully, but, alas! they were only Maoris—and one of them a girl.

But she was a girl with the fighting blood of a long line of warlike ancestors in her veins, and although the men with her said it was madness to face that sea with its treacherous swirling backwash, she made the brave attempt. Out she swam, fighting her way inch by inch, against the thundering rollers, now lost to sight in the boiling foam, now flung on high on the crest of a tumultuous wave—on she progressed, until at last she reached a rock near the wreck. A lead line was flung towards her, but the gale swept it away, and it was only after repeated attempts that it reached the gallant girl. Then fastening the slender cord to her body, with an encouraging wave of her hand to the crew, she once more braved the furious elements. But the Maori men who had watched her progress to the rock were not idle. Hopata Kahupuku—Big Bob, as the pakehas called him—a magnificent swimmer, swam out to meet her, and between the three they brought the line ashore. "If it had not been for the Maoris," said one of the crew at the inquest, "not

one of us would have been saved." But Julia would never talk of it afterwards. "It was nothing," she would declare, and turn the conversation.

A new hawser was fastened to the cat-head, and one hundred fathoms (six hundred feet) was passed out before the three Maoris accomplished the heavy task of dragging it to the beach and fastening it to the rocks. Then the crew made their way ashore, clinging to the plunging rope, one moment jerked in mid-air, the next buried in the seething foam. Any who failed to hold on were helped ashore by the Maoris. The captain, last man of all to leave the ship, went to the mate's body and examined it in vain for signs of life. The hawser, new an hour before, parted under the terrific strain before he reached the shore, but the watchful Maoris plunged in and brought him safely to land.

An hour later, as they sat watching the wreck, they saw to their horror the mate stand up and cling to the rigging. In vain then was human help. The storm was still increasing, the tide was rising, and if, after their heavy labour, any of the Maoris could have reached the rock, it was no longer tenable. Nor could the helpless mate have assisted in his own rescue. After an hour of tense expectancy a mountainous wave swept over the vessel, and the mate was gone. The captain, worn out and unstrung, sat on the rocks and wept like a child.

Julia's name has been a household word in Nelson for the last fifty years, and when she was buried four years ago, on a lonely spot, sixteen miles from Nelson, about two thousand people, mostly pakehas, attended her funeral. There, on the lonely shores of Delaware Bay, as it is now called, Julia sleeps in a silence broken only by the voice of the sea and the cry of the circling gulls. But her name is written forever on the roll of heroic women who have accomplished noble deeds.

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He: "A woman's hand is all right to spank a baby with, but she should keep it off the ballot box."

She (airily): "Oh, I don't know. It seems to me that if the women could spank the ballot box as they spank the babies, we would have very much better politics everywhere."—"Judge."

### SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED TO AUGUST 8th.

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 July, 1914: Mrs Horne (Palmerston North), Gilliver (New Plymouth), Gribble, Humphreys (Matakana), Chapman (Willowby), Bannerman, Gatehouse, Storry, Williams (Waimate), Callander, Miss Christie, Waugh (Invercargill), Nordbye (Norsewood), Barclay, Clapp, Cairns, Grant (Nightcaps), McPhee, Dickson, Harrison, Heal, Greenfell (Colac Bay), Watson (Port Chalmers), Botting, Calder, Carlyle, Girven, Jamison, Preat (N.E. Valley), Thorne (Kaiapoi), Simpson, Brandigan, Evans (Gore), Page (Christchurch), Thompson (Oxford), each 2s 6d; Dymock, Laybourne (Palmerston N.), each 5s; Miss Whitley (Rangiora), 12s 6d.  
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Will subscribers kindly take notice that after this month subscriptions will not be acknowledged in the paper.

Those paying subs. to White Ribbon Superintendents will receive receipts from Superintendents. All others kindly forward subs. to Business Manager, who will send receipts for same.

NELLIE PERYMAN,  
Business Manager.

Johnsonville.

### ORGANISING FUND.

Amounts received for the Organising Fund during June and July, 1913:—

June 1st (per Miss Powell): Profit on badges, £4 1s; donation, 2s 6d.

June: 10th, Blenheim Union, £2; 13th, Westport Union, 10s; 21st, Palmerston N. Union, £3; 20th, Mrs Derrit, Waiau, £1 5s; 20th, net proceeds waiting (Miss Powell), 7s; 26th, Wairoa Union, 16s.

July 30th (per Miss Powell): Mr W. Squires (Invercargill), £5; Mrs McGruar (Invercargill), £2 2s; Mr John Taylor (Invercargill), £2 2s; Mr John Thompson (Invercargill),

£1; smaller donations (Invercargill), 18s; collections (Invercargill), 13s.

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Address: Mrs H. R. S. Taylor,  
"Coveney," Balgownie, Wanganui.  
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### CRADLE ROLL.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—

All W.C.T.U. members should be interested in the Cradle Roll work. The aim of the department is to enroll little children of any age under seven years, who are dedicated by their mothers or guardians to total abstinence.

No child can be a member whose mother takes alcohol during the period of nursing, the alcohol being thus transmitted to the child. The environment of child life from its earliest dawn, freed from alcohol, will give us in every country the ideal little White Ribboner, healthy, strong, and pure. This is foundation work for our White Ribbon army.

The Superintendent arranges meetings for the mothers of the Cradle Roll babies, "who feel the need of all the help they can secure from other intelligent mothers, that they may give to their children the best possible care, training, and environment, in order that they may become citizens and homemakers of whom they will ever be proud."

I have some papers suitable for reading at Cradle Roll mothers' meetings: Assorted packet, containing one dozen, post free, 5d; Cradle Roll pledge cards, boy or girl, post free, 1s per dozen; Maori Cradle Roll pledge cards, post free, 1s per dozen; Cradle Roll birthday cards, boy or girl, post free, 9d per dozen; leaflet on how to organise a White Ribbon Cradle Roll, free.

I would also recommend for distribution two medical Temperance leaflets, "Alcohol Injures Children" and "Alcohol and Nursing Mothers," each 4d per dozen.

Trusting that every Union will endeavour to take up the work of this department.—Sincerely yours in the work,

CLARA M. NEAL,  
N.Z. Superintendent.

"Tell me whether it is right or wrong; if right, I will do it; if wrong, I will not; but never let me hear the word 'expedient.'"—Queen Victoria.

"My native city has treated me badly," said a drunken vagabond; "but I love her still." "Probably," replied a gentleman, "her still is about all you do love."



**PRISON AND REFORM WORK.**

Dear Sisters,—Since my appointment to this department, I have been making enquiries and securing information relative to prison conditions, which might be helpful in securing some beneficial reforms.

This week, in Christchurch, I have been favoured by an interview with Mrs Cunningham, a well-known reform worker, whose experience is not only an extended one, but one with exceptional opportunities for ascertaining the actual conditions by personal visitation as a Government inspector, of various prisons in New Zealand, with a considerable opportunity also of visiting institutions of the kind in Great Britain.

Mrs Cunningham pointed out the desirability of having **all** women prisoners (fortunately, they are comparatively few) in **one central prison** for the Dominion. Then **lady doctors** could attend them. Also, **lady visitors** could be appointed as inspectors. At present the few lady official visitors have powers only of suggestion and recommendation.

At present, since the women prisoners are in different places, it is desirable that a lady inspector be appointed for both the North and South Islands respectively.

In Mrs Cunningham's opinion, such lady inspectors would be preferable, if **honorary**, rather than stipendiary, and for two reasons. First, that being honorary, the position would not be sought after by undesirable persons for the sake of the salary. Second, that an honorary inspector would not be so likely to pass over details which needed remedying, to make things smooth-sailing, so as to keep the position.

**Special qualifications** are needed, it is obvious. (A suggested honorarium, say of £25, to provide assistance in the home of lady undertaking the work, and also travelling expenses would be necessary.)

It is desirable, too, that in the case of women prisoners some technical instruction (in dressmaking, typewriting, etc.) should be given, that there should be a chance of a respectable livelihood on release from prison. The fact of learning something new is of a reformatory tendency also.

I hope to be able to give other suggestions later on, and in the meantime to leave these points to your consideration.

If your Union is favourable, the reform will be much advanced by your passing the following, or some such resolution, forwarding it promptly to Mr Herdman, M.P., Wellington, the Minister for Justice:—

Resolved: "That in the interests of reformatory work among the women prisoners of the Dominion, this Union of — wishes to bring before the Minister for Justice the desirability of arranging that all such prisoners be located in one **central women's**

**prison**, where **lady doctors** could be engaged to attend them; and that a **lady inspector**, with special powers, be authorised to visit all such women prisoners, whether in North or South Island, with a view to securing the interests of reformatory influence, and the advantage of society generally.

"Also, that technical instruction in cooking, dressmaking, typewriting, etc., be given, so that women criminals, on release, would have a fair chance of honest livelihood."

SISTER MOODY BELL,  
Supt. Prison Work.

**SERVICE.**

I came to minister,  
Our Saviour saith—  
Lord, till my latest breath,  
Let me not swerve  
From my resolve to serve.

Many the needs of man;  
Our soul needs most;  
Beset by Satan's host,  
If help is none  
We soon are overthrown.

O Christ! forbid that I  
Should idle stand,  
But serve at Thy command,  
Until the day  
Thou callest me away.

And when my feet at last  
Cross Jordan's ford,  
Grant me to serve Thee, Lord,  
With all Thy saints,  
With heart that never faints.

—E.S.B

S. Paul's Vicarage,  
Malvern, Melbourne,  
June 25, 1913.

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